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STRESS-REGULATED GENES OF PLANTS, TRANSGENIC PLANTS CONTAINING SAME, AND METHODS OF USE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2004, in connection with the aboveidentified patent application, entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, July 1, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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